

SECRETARY OF STATE[721]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.3, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 21, “Election Forms and Instructions,” Chapter 22, “Voting Systems,” and Chapter 28, “Voter Registration File (I-Voters) Management,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments are necessary to:

- Expand the ability of all active members of the military serving outside the United States and its territories to return voted ballots electronically,
- Adopt a provisional voter statement by administrative rule as required by Iowa law,
- Adopt procedures for making photocopied ballots on election day as required by Iowa law,
- Establish which ballots provisional voters at satellite voting stations should receive,
- Establish a procedure for voters whose registration status is changed to inactive between the time the absentee ballot is requested and absentee ballots are mailed,
- Establish a procedure by which absentee voters can cure defects in absentee ballots caused by reregistration in another county or precinct after the absentee ballot has been submitted to the commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 53.18,
- Establish a method for determining the number of signatures required for the primary election where the method of electing county supervisors has changed from at-large to plan III,
- Establish a procedure for reporting election night results electronically to the state commissioner for primary and general elections, and
- Update the cross-state match voter file procedures to make them compliant with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these proposed amendments on or before February 28, 2012. Written suggestions or comments should be directed to Sarah Reisetter, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-0145 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building. Requests for a public hearing must be received by February 28, 2012.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 9989B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 43, 48A, 49, 50 and 53.